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--11. (Three Times Amended) A data processing method in an accounting system including an accounting center and a terminal device adapted to communicate with the accounting center, the method comprising the steps of:

storing accounting points in a first memory of the terminal device;

storing distributed information distributed from an external source and attributes corresponding to the distributed information in a second memory of the terminal device and setting the attributes to an unavailable state;

updating the accounting points stored in the first memory of the terminal device and updating the attributes of the distributed information from the unavailable state to an available state when the accounting points are updated correctly based on the distributed information;

transmitting the accounting points stored in the first memory of the terminal device to the accounting center;

carrying out an accounting processing in the accounting center based on the accounting points transmitted from the terminal device.

--12. (Three Times Amended) A data processing method in an accounting system including an accounting center and a

terminal device adapted to communicate with the accounting center, the method comprising the steps of:

storing accounting points in a first memory of the terminal device;

storing distributed information distributed from an external source and attributes corresponding to the distributed information in a second memory of the terminal device and setting the attributes to an unavailable state;

updating the accounting points stored in the first memory of the terminal device and updating the attributes of the distributed information from the unavailable state to an available state when the accounting points are updated correctly based on the distributed information;

making a request for purchasing the accounting points to the accounting center and updating the accounting points stored in the first memory based on an accounting processing corresponding to the accounting points executed at the accounting center, wherein

when the accounting points are not updated correctly based on the distributed information a request is made by the terminal device to the accounting center for purchasing the accounting points, the accounting points are updated in the terminal device and the attributes of the distributed information are updated to an available state; and

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carrying out an other accounting processing in the  
accounting center based on the request for purchasing the  
accounting points transmitted from the terminal device.--

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